

# Lord of the Valley Lutheran Church

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## LOTV Worship with Holy Communion

Sunday, March 22, 2026 Fifth Sunday in Lent

*All in for Letting Go - Letting go of expectations allows us to make way for God to do something wondrous and new, taking flight on a leap of faith.*

### **GATHERING**

#### **Welcome and Announcements**

#### **Welcoming One Another with Christ's Peace**

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

*Because Lord of the Valley is a welcoming church, we take a moment to share Christ's peace and greet one another, especially if there is someone you haven't met, so that we can worship together in peace and unity.*

#### **Confession & Forgiveness**

P: We gather in the name of God +,  
who created us,  
who was born to be with us,  
who guides us still.

C: **Amen.**

P: Good and gracious God,

C: **We have sinned  
and fallen short of the good you desire for us and for all creation.  
We have used the earth for its bountiful resources,  
but sometimes we forget to marvel at its beauty.  
We have doubted your ability to provide  
and hoarded more than we need.  
We have ignored the needs of the vulnerable,  
and when you called us to follow you to greater wonders,  
we remained where we were and clung to control.  
Forgive our sin and our selfishness.  
Draw us out of ourselves,  
more deeply into your love,  
and more fully into a world in need.**

P: God knows our sin before we do  
 and meets every confession with abundant grace.  
 In Christ we are alive and completely forgiven.  
 God's goodness has the final word.  
 May this gift of forgiveness renew our faith and lighten our load  
 so that we are prepared to care for the world God so loves.

C: Amen.

**Gathering Song** "I Surrender All"

1. All to Je - sus I sur - ren - der, All to Him I free - ly give;  
 2. All to Je - sus I sur - ren - der, Make me, Sav - ior, whol - ly Thine;  
 3. All to Je - sus I sur - ren - der, Lord, I give my - self to Thee;

I will ev - er love and trust Him, In His pres - ence dai - ly live.  
 Let me feel Thy Ho - ly Spir - it, Tru - ly know that Thou art mine.  
 Fill me with Thy love and pow - er, Let Thy bless - ing fall on me.

I sur - ren - der all, I sur - ren - der all, I sur - ren - der all;  
 I sur - ren - der all, I sur - ren - der all;

All to Thee, my bless - ed Sav - ior, I sur - ren - der all.

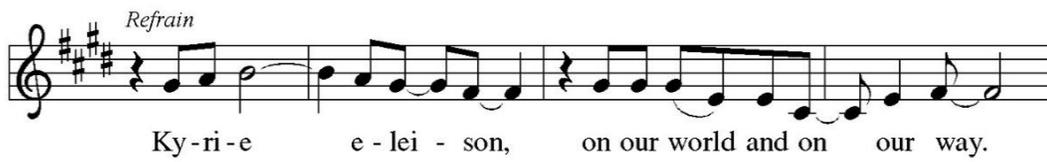
## Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the love of God, and  
the communion of the Holy Spirit,  
be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

## Kyrie

A: *Kyrie eleison* means "Lord have mercy." Let us sing for God's mercy in every part of the world where it is needed, asking that we may be part of bringing God's kingdom "all in" for the sake of God's love for the world.



- 1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
- 2 That we may live out your im - passioned re - sponse to the
- 3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for
- 4 For your Spir - it to guide; that you cen - ter our lives in the



u - ni - ty of all; for  
hun - gry and the poor; that  
friends and fam - i - ly; for  
wa - ter and the word; that you



this ho - ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,  
we may live out . . . . truth and jus - tice and grace,  
life and for love, . . . . for our work and our play,  
nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,



let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

## Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray,

C: **Almighty God, we have limits, but you do not. You work outside of our expectations and you love beyond our comprehension. When we let go of our desires and fears, we enter into your wondrous work. Give us the courage and peace we need to let go, that like Ezekiel, Mary, and Martha, we may witness things we could never imagine on our own. Amen.**

## Scriptures

### Ezekiel 37:1-14

<sup>1</sup>The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. <sup>2</sup>He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. <sup>3</sup>He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord God, you know." <sup>4</sup>Then he said to me, "Prophesy to these bones and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. <sup>5</sup>Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. <sup>6</sup>I will lay sinews on you and will cause flesh to come upon you and cover you with skin and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the Lord."

<sup>7</sup>So I prophesied as I had been commanded, and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. <sup>8</sup>I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them, but there was no breath in them. <sup>9</sup>Then he said to me, "Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." <sup>10</sup>I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

<sup>11</sup>Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' <sup>12</sup>Therefore prophesy and say to them: Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves and bring you up from your graves, O my people, and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. <sup>13</sup>And you shall know that I am the Lord when I open your graves and bring you up from your graves, O my people. <sup>14</sup>I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act, says the Lord."

R: The word of God for the people of God.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation

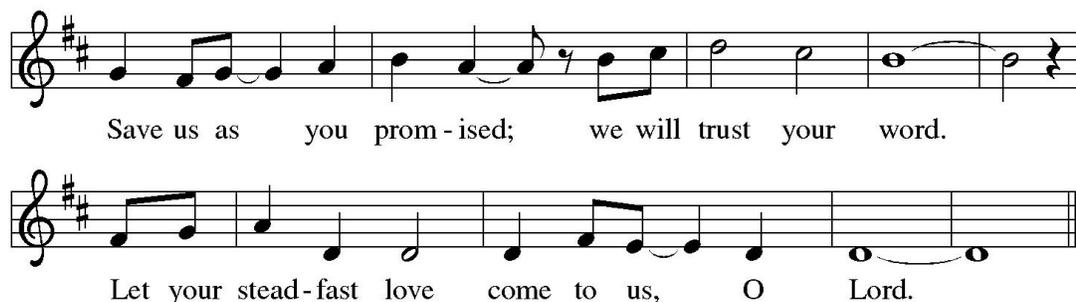


Let your stead-fast love come to us, O Lord.



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### John 11:1-45

<sup>1</sup> Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. <sup>2</sup> Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. <sup>3</sup> So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." <sup>4</sup> But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather, it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." <sup>5</sup> Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, <sup>6</sup> after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

<sup>7</sup> Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." <sup>8</sup> The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" <sup>9</sup> Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble because they see the light of this world. <sup>10</sup> But those who walk at night stumble because the light is not in them." <sup>11</sup> After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him." <sup>12</sup> The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right." <sup>13</sup> Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. <sup>14</sup> Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. <sup>15</sup> For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." <sup>16</sup> Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

<sup>17</sup> When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. <sup>18</sup> Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, <sup>19</sup> and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. <sup>20</sup> When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. <sup>21</sup> Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. <sup>22</sup> But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." <sup>23</sup> Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." <sup>24</sup> Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." <sup>25</sup> Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, <sup>26</sup> and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" <sup>27</sup> She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."

<sup>28</sup> When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary and told her privately, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." <sup>29</sup> And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. <sup>30</sup> Now Jesus had not yet come to the village but was still at the place where Martha had met him. <sup>31</sup> The Jews who were with her in the house consoling her saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. <sup>32</sup> When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." <sup>33</sup> When Jesus saw her weeping and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. <sup>34</sup> He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." <sup>35</sup> Jesus began to weep. <sup>36</sup> So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" <sup>37</sup> But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

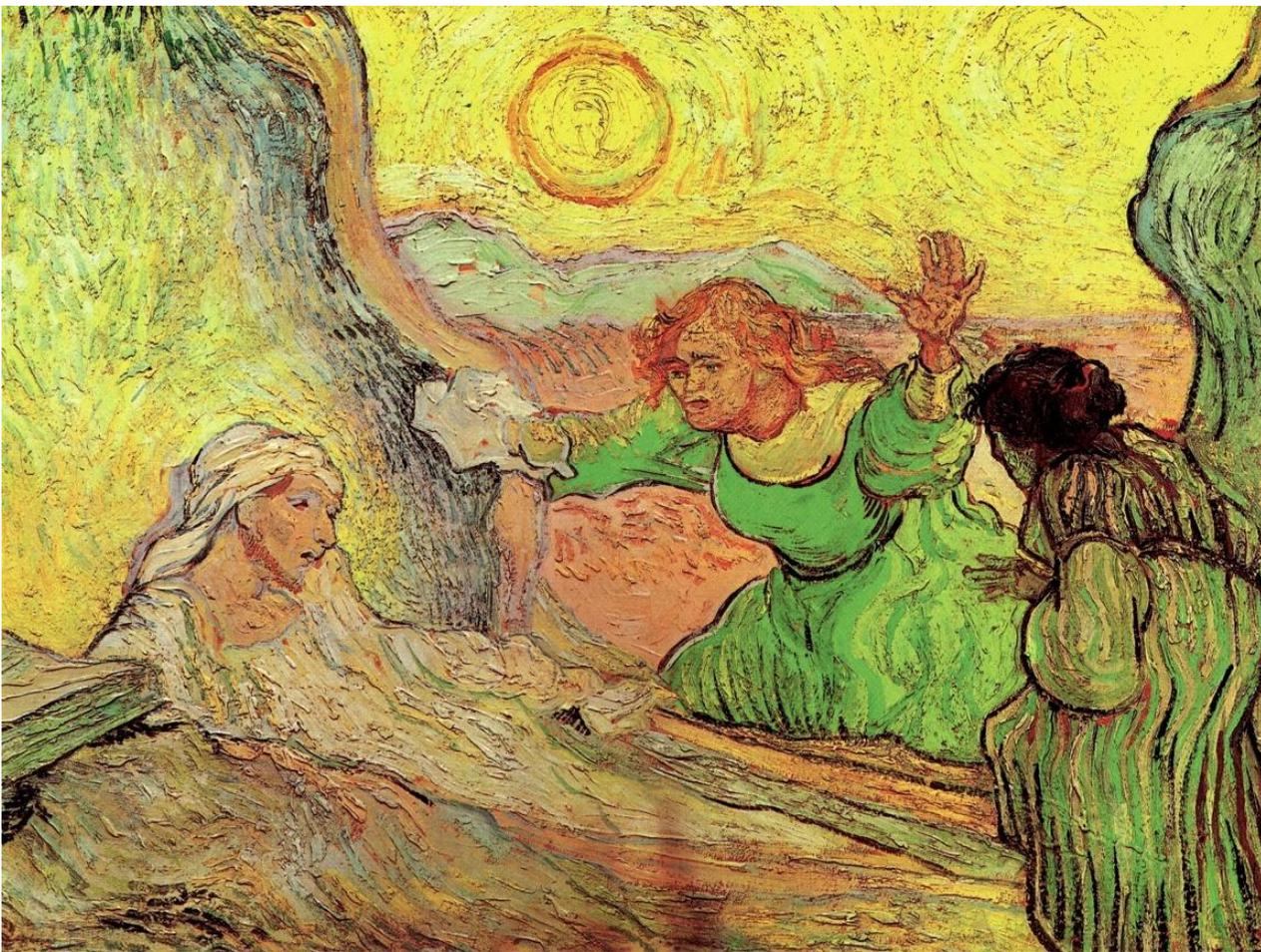
<sup>38</sup> Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying

against it. <sup>39</sup> Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." <sup>40</sup> Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?" <sup>41</sup> So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. <sup>42</sup> I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." <sup>43</sup> When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" <sup>44</sup> The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

<sup>45</sup> Many of the Jews, therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did believed in him.

R: The word of God for the people of God.

C: **Thanks be to God.**



## **Children's Message and Sunday School Dismissal**

### **Sermon**

Song of the Day

"I Give You My Heart"

**INTRO**

*J=76*  
Cmaj7 D/C Em7 C/D



**VERSE**

G D/F# Em7 C/G G D/F# Em D/F#

This is my de-sire, to hon - our You. Lord, with all my heart,

10 G Fmaj9 C C/D G D/F# Em7 C/G G

I wor-ship You. All I have with-in me, I give You

**CHORUS**

16 D/F# Em D/F# G Fmaj9 C C/D G

praise. All that I a-dore, is in You. Lord I give You my heart,

22 D/F# Am7 C/D G

I give You my soul. I live for You a-lone. Ev-ry breath that I take,

26 D/F# Am7 C/D Cmaj7 D/C

*Last time to Coda* ⊕

ev-'ry mo-ment I'm a-wake, Lord have Your way in me.

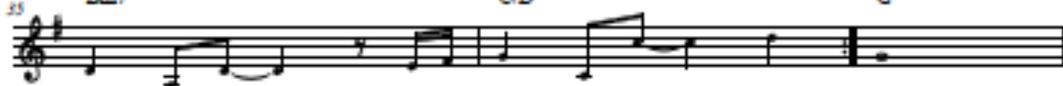
31 C/D C/D Coda Cmaj7 D/C

*D.S. al Coda* ⊕

**ENDING**

have Your way in me. have Your way in me.

35 Em7 C/D G



## Prayers of the People

A: God of all,  
C: **hear our prayer.**

## MEAL

### Offering

#### Offering Prayer

A: God our provider,  
C: **we return to you a portion of all that you have given us.**  
**Bless and use these gifts,**  
**our hands, our hearts, our ministry,**  
**to care for the world you so love.**  
**Now prepare us to receive you at this table**  
**and again in the world beyond our doors.**  
**In Jesus' name we pray.**  
**Amen.**

## The Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

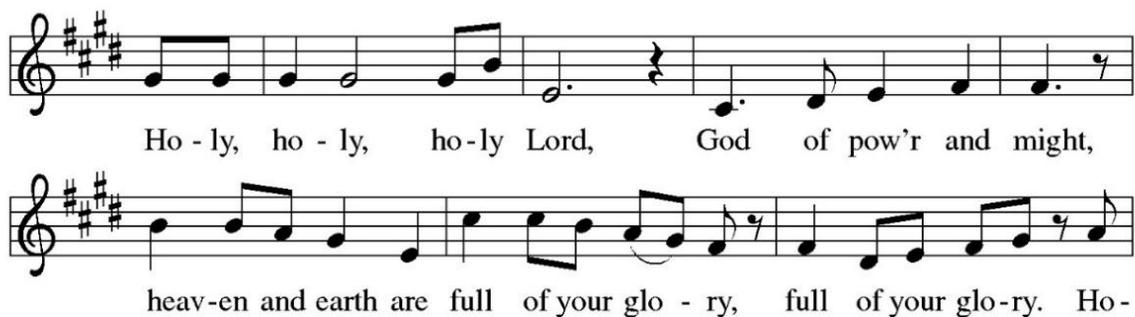
P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them to the Lord!**

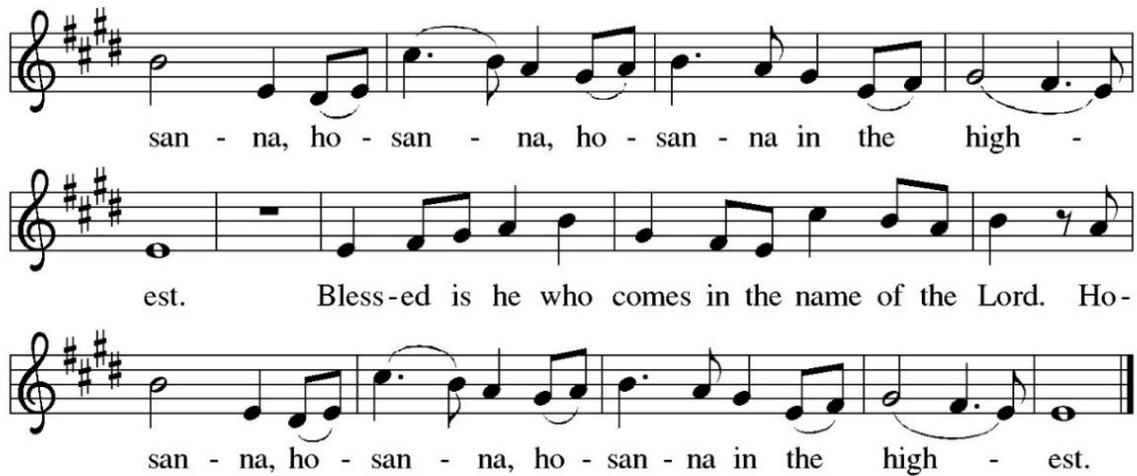
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy to thank you, O God...



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -



san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -  
 est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
 san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

**Words of Institution**

- P: Creator, you made a wondrous world and called it good...  
 And so we remind each other and the world:
- C: **Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

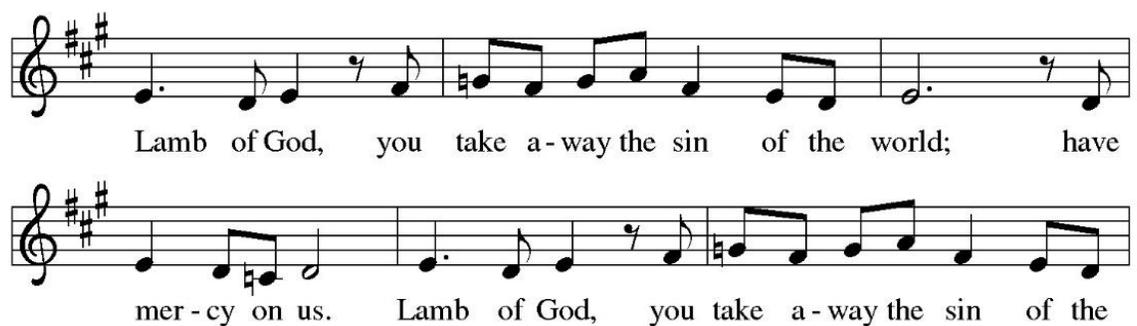
**Lord's Prayer**

- P: Lord, remember us in your love and teach us to pray.
- C: **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

**Distribution of Communion**

*We invite all who come in faith to the Lord's Table as we celebrate Holy Communion in our worship today. For those who prefer, grape juice and gluten free wafers are available, let the server know as you approach. Those not communing are welcome to come forward for a blessing.*

**Lamb of God**



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have  
 mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the

world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

### Prayer after Communion

**P:** May this gift of the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**C:** **Amen.**

**A:** Let us pray. Holy God,

**C:** **you have revealed yourself to us again in the holy mystery of bread and cup. Strengthen us by your presence, draw us closer to one another as the Body of Christ, and send us to reveal you in all our words and ways. Amen.**

### SENDING

### Blessing

**Sending Song** "Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" ELW 886

- 1 Oh, for a thou-sand tongues to sing my great Re-deem - er's praise,
- 2 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as - sist me to pro - claim,
- 3 The name of Je - sus charms our fears and bids our sor - rows cease,
- 4 He speaks, and lis - t'ning to his voice, new life the dead re - ceive;

the glo - ries of my God and king, the tri-umphs of his grace!  
 to spread through all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of your name.  
 sings mu - sic in the sin-ner's ears, brings life and health and peace.  
 the mourn - ful, bro-ken hearts re - joice, the hum - ble poor be - lieve.

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5 Look unto him, your Savior own,<br/>O fallen human race!<br/>Look and be saved through faith alone,<br/>be justified by grace!</li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6 To God all glory, praise, and love<br/>be now and ever giv'n<br/>by saints below and saints above,<br/>the church in earth and heav'n.</li> </ol> |
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### Dismissal

**A:** Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.

**C:** **Thanks be to God! And we will!**